Call for Papers
Annual Conference of the German-Ukrainian Historical Commission

Germany and Ukraine in the Second World War

Munich, October 22-24, 2018

Submission deadline for proposals: September 6, 2018

The conference is organized by Prof. Dr. Yaroslav Hrytsak (L’viv) and Prof. Dr. Martin Schulze Wessel (Munich).

During the Second World War the criminal character of Germany’s warfare manifested itself clearly on the territory of Ukraine. About 1.5 million of the approximately 2.7 million Ukrainian Jews fell victim to the Holocaust. Another three to four million people died because of German occupation policies. 1.4 million Red Army soldiers from Ukraine died fighting against the Wehrmacht. Almost 2.3 million of the 2.8 million Soviet forced workers who were deported to Germany were from Ukraine.

The fourth annual conference of the German-Ukrainian Historical Commission will deal with various aspects of occupation policies in Ukraine during the Second World War. The participants of the conference will discuss both the political history of the occupation and its implications for everyday life. The history of interethnic relations between Ukrainians and Jews and Ukrainians and Poles will also be among the topics
discussed. Other topics include questions of resistance and collaboration as well as the history of Ukrainian forced labor in Germany.

The history of the Second World War attracts great scientific interest in Germany and Ukraine, as well as in many other European countries, while at the same time being a central point of reference in national memory. In Ukraine the Second World War has been and still remains the central place of memory since 1991, but at the same time it is a highly controversial one. The memory of the Second World War in Germany is characterised by its selectivity. In general, little is known about the crimes of the German occupation forces in Ukraine. This conference aims to bring German and Ukrainian memory cultures into dialogue with each other.

We welcome papers which engage with the following issues concerning the history of the Second World War on the territory of Ukraine:

- Occupation policies
- Everyday history
- Interethnic relations
- Resistance and collaboration
- Memory of the Second World War in Ukraine and Germany

Please submit your proposals (500-800 words) and CV (no longer than one page) to Kateryna Kudin (kateryna.kudin@lrz.uni-muenchen.de) by September 6, 2018.

Travel expenses will be refunded. Conference languages are English and Russian.

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Please do not hesitate to contact us in case of any questions:

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